

# Habitat for Humanity of Michigan's

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## Prison Build Program

# What it is

- A partnership that provides panelized exterior and interior stud walls for Habitat homes that are built by inmates inside correctional facilities as part of an education program in building trades

# Basic process

- Habitat affiliates chooses plan from approved list for each planned build
  - Criteria for plans set by HFH International
- Affiliate submits order and payment at least 30 days prior to desired delivery date.

# Basic process continued

- Order is processed at HFH of Michigan (HFHM) and faxed to State of Michigan Dept. of Corrections (DOC) central office contact.
- DOC central office contact assigns build to particular prison and sends order to that facility.

## Basic process continued

- HFHM office manifests delivery to hauler.
- Michigan Army National Guard (MANG) uses training missions to provide transportation, or private haulers are used.

# Advantages to HFH Affiliates

- Speeds construction
  - Blitz builds, weather
- Cuts costs
  - Materials paid by grant, enhances scheduling of sub-contractors
- Reduces volunteer hours needed
- Makes a bold statement
  - encourages volunteers, gets community's attention

# Advantages to DOC

- Provides hands on experience to inmates to enhance the Building Trades education offered to inmates
  - Better than working on small samples
- Provides sense of accomplishment to inmates
- Improves inmate behavior
- Helps reduce recidivism

# Advantage to inmates

- Training and certification in skills that can lead to employment on parole.
- When paroled employment in job that pays a livable wage.
- Opportunity to give back



# Additional offerings

- Kitchen and bathroom cabinets
  - Solid oak doors and drawer fronts
  - At least as good a quality as available locally
- Sheds
  - Provide storage of mower, etc to homeowner
- HFHI does not allow garages

# Additional offerings continued

- Countertops
  - Standard kitchens only
  - Substantially lower cost than local purchase
- Horticulture products
  - Set packages of plants/trees for front of house
  - Plants propagated from original purchased plants